

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. Canceled.

2. (Currently amended) The An electronic device, ~~according to claim 1 wherein said~~
comprising:

an interface has specifications that for data transfer including a signal line and a power
supply line with a limited maximum allowable current, said interface allowing the supply of
predetermined electric power to the electronic device from ~~[[an]]~~ external equipment with power
supply function ~~is permitted only~~ when predetermined communication is performed between the
electronic device and the external equipment via the interface, and wherein said electronic device
~~comprises~~ is adapted to operate with more current consumption than is provided for through a
single port of said interface;

the said electric device comprising:

at least two ports being included as part of the interface;

control means connected to each of said at least two ports of the interface;

a body portion connected to said control means; and

power supply control means connected between each respective power supply line of said
at least two ports of the interface and a power supply line of said body portion,

wherein said control means performs on-control of said power supply control means only
when the supply of predetermined electric power through each of said at least two ports of the
interface is permitted as a result of communication between said control means and the external
equipment.

3. (Currently amended) The electronic device according to claim ~~[[1]]~~2, wherein
said interface has specifications that the supply of predetermined electric power to the electronic
device from an external equipment with power supply function is permitted only when

predetermined communication is performed between the electronic device and the external equipment via the interface, and wherein ~~said electronic device comprises~~

~~control means connected to each of said at least two ports of the interface; and~~

~~a body portion connected to said control means,~~

~~wherein~~ said control means, on the basis of the result of communication with the external equipment, controls said body portion in such a manner that at least part of functions of said body portion can not be used until the supply of predetermined electric power through each of said at least two ports of the interface is permitted, and all of the functions of said body portion become available only when the supply of predetermined electric power through each of said at least two ports of the interface is permitted.

4. (Currently amended) The electronic device according to claim ~~[[1]]~~2, wherein said interface has specifications that the supply of predetermined electric power to the electronic device from an external equipment with power supply function is permitted only when predetermined communication is performed between the electronic device and the external equipment via the interface, and wherein ~~said electronic device comprises:~~

~~control means connected to each of said at least two ports of the interface; and~~

~~a body portion connected to said control means,~~

~~wherein~~ said control means, on the basis of the result of communication with the external equipment, controls said body portion in such a manner that at least part of functions of said body portion can be used with limited performance until the supply of predetermined electric power through each of said at least two ports of the interface is permitted, and all of the functions of said body portion become available without limitations only when the supply of predetermined electric power through each of said at least two ports of the interface is permitted.

5. (Currently amended) The electronic device according to claim [[1]]2, wherein said interface has specifications that the supply of predetermined electric power to the electronic device from an external equipment with power supply function is permitted only when predetermined communication is performed between the electronic device and the external equipment via the interface, and wherein ~~said electronic device comprises:~~

~~control means connected to each of said at least two ports of the interface; and~~

a said body portion connected to said control means ~~and is~~ adapted to perform substantive data transmission and reception with respect to the external equipment,

~~wherein~~ said substantive data transmission and reception between said body portion and the external equipment is being carried out through one of said at least two ports of the interface.

6. (Currently amended) The electronic device according to claim [[1]]2, wherein said body portion comprises an information storage device.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 3, wherein said body portion comprises an information storage device.

9. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 4, wherein said body portion comprises an information storage device.

10. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 5, wherein said body portion comprises an information storage device.

11. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 3, wherein said body portion comprises a disk recording and reproducing device, and said at least part of the functions is a data recording function.

12. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 4, wherein said body portion comprises a disk recording and reproducing device, and said at least part of the functions with limited performance is disk rotation speed.

13. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 2, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

14. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 3, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

15. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 4, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

16. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 5, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

17. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 6, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller means comprises a device controller.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 8, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

20. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 9, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

21. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 10, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

22. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 11, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

23. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 12, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

24. (Original) A USB device comprising:
a first device controller adapted to be connected to a host machine;
a second device controller connected to said first device controller and being adapted to be connected to the host machine; and
a controlled device connected to said first device controller.

25. (Original) The USB device according to claim 24, wherein said first device controller is configured to undertake transmission and reception of information between said controlled device and the host machine after each of said first and second device controllers has completed a connection procedure with respect to the host machine.

26. (Original) The USB device according to claim 24, wherein said first device controller is configured to control operation of said controlled device in such a manner that the controlled device operates with current consumption below a maximum value as specified by the

USB Standard on conditions that said first device controller has completed a connection procedure with respect to the host machine and said second drive controller has not completed a connection procedure with respect the host machine.

27. (Original) The USB device according to claim 24, wherein said first device controller is configured to control operation of said controlled device in such a manner that the controlled device operates with current consumption below a maximum value as specified by the USB Standard on conditions that said second drive controller has completed a connection procedure with respect the host machine and said first device controller has not completed a connection procedure with respect to the host machine.

28. (Original) The USB device according to claim 24, wherein said first and second device controllers are integrated into a unitary structure.

29. (New) The USB device according to claim 24, wherein said first device controller is adapted to send instructions to second device controller, at least one of said instructions including a command instructing said second device controller to communicate with the host machine.

30. (New) The USB device according to claim 29, wherein said second device controller is capable of sending configuration data to the host machine to cause the host machine to generate power.